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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: NEWS REPORT:AMBASSADOR BROWN ACTIVITIES

1. PRO-GOVERNMENT LEBANESE RADIO ALLEGEDLY REPORTED TODAY
FRENCH

AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON TRAVELED TO DAMASCUS

TO DISCUSS A JOINT SYRIAN-FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE
IN LEBANON. REPORT CONTAINED STATEMENT U.S.
EMBASSY "DID NOT DENY" THAT AMBASSADOR BROWN
MET WITH AMBASSADOR ARGOUD BEFORE THE LATTER'S
TRIP.

2. IN ANSWER TO SUBSEQUENT QUERIES FROM WIRE SERVICES,
EMBASSY SAID AMBASSADOR BROWN DID NOT DISCUSS A FRENCH
MILITARY PRESENCE WITH EITHER MR. GORSE OR AMBASSADOR
ARGOUD. EMBASSY ALSO CALLED PRO-GOVERNMENT RADIO TO
POINT OUT ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION ITS REPORT HAD CREATED.
NEWS EDITOR DENIED THEY HAD CARRIED SUCH REPORT AND IN ANY CASE
PROMISED THEY WOULD NOT MENTION U. S. IN ANY FURTHER COVERAGE OF
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